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December Tax Collections.

The payment of state, county and school taxes is always much larger during the month of December than any other month during the tax collecting year—in fact, fully 80 percent of the entire revenue is generally collected during the last month of the year. As the law now stands, the state and county is spending its money long before it is collected, and warrants are issued and drawing interest on the warrants, because the tax payer holds off until the eleventh hour of the last month, and this is why your warrant is stamped by the treasurer, "Not paid for want of funds," and thus the revenue collected by our special county collector, Howard Tyeare, during the month of December, 1913, will go to pay the bills of the county contracted in the early part of the year 1913.

The assessment now almost completed, which was made beginning in June, 1913, for the 1914 taxes are not compelled to be paid until the December following the assessment—eighteen months after the making of the assessment.

In Mr. Tyeare's report, which was promptly filed with the County Court, at its January term, it will be seen that his total collections for December were \$139,921.13, which is approximately 80 percent of the entire revenue. His total collections for December, 1913, were:

State tax	\$139,921.13
County tax	22,170.31
Road	3,931.75
Special Board and Bridge	18,925.74
Schools	18,533.62
Squaw Creek	8,000.00
Mill Creek	3,500.00
Big Tarkio	10,500.00
Little Tarkio	2,000.00
Nodaway, No. 1	3,000.00
Nodaway, No. 2	550.00
City	240.20
Collateral inheritance tax	57.60

Total \$139,921.13
Mr. Tyeare's December collections are three times larger than the entire revenue collected during the year 1875, by Wm. G. McIntyre, who was then county collector.

The December collections for the past several years have been:

1906	\$ 74,025
1907	82,008
1908	86,000
1909	106,635
1910	117,508
1911	129,415
1912	147,123
1913	139,921

It requires more than ordinary ability to handle such amount of business in such a short time, and Mr. Tyeare has certainly filled the bill in this regard. He has been assisted by Don Martin, who made good as an assistant.

Glad to Meet Him.

We certainly enjoyed a short talk with Uncle John Q. Trimmer last week, who was on his return home from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Eli H. Sinclair, of Monrovia, Kansas. He was with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pratswater in their auto, and Uncle John remarked: "Quite different from the vehicles I rode in when I came to this country forty years ago."

For many years he farmed in this county, in Hickory township, but for several years has lived a retired life at Mound City.

He is now in his 78th year, and is enjoying the best of health. He is a native of New Jersey, being born in February, 1836, near Hackettstown. He was deprived of a father when five years of age, and was the baby of a family of seven children, and all had to work out as soon as they were old enough and large enough to earn anything. His first earnings brought him \$2 for a month's service, and his first investment from his own earnings was \$2.25 for a pair of boots, a friend letting him have the odd 25 cents. He went to the village school in the winter, and did odd jobs during the vacation period, finally securing a job on the Lehigh canal in Pennsylvania, and the New Jersey Morris canal as a blacksmith helper.

In 1854 he was stricken with the gold fever, going by water, by the Nicaragua route, to California. Arriving at Fort Hope, he and party bought a canoe, provided themselves with six months' provisions, and went up the river to the canyons, the head of canoe navigation, but by this time all of the crew, save himself and an old sailor, had been drowned. With all these trials and tribulations, Uncle John finally reached the gold fields of California, and thence to British Columbia—Vancouver, Victoria, Puget Sound to the mouth of Fraser river, thence to its head of navigation.

In June, 1859, he concluded to return for a visit with the dear ones in "Jersey," and on arrival at San Francisco, decided to return by the Panama route, and in due time was again with the loved ones at home. He came to the conclusion that there were too many rocks in proportion to the soil in his native state to suit him for farming, so he then took a turn and went to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he was married in 1870 to Mary E. Merrin, who was born and raised in Knox county, Ohio.

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Interurban R'y Directors Elected.
At the annual election of directors by the stockholders of The Oregon Interurban Railway Company, held at Oregon, Mo., January 12, the following were elected: B. F. Morgan, L. L. Moore, W. A. S. Herr, Jacob Bucher, J. C. Whitmer, H. C. Cook, E. D. Phillips, C. D. Zook and G. W. Cummins. At the meeting of the new board of directors, held on January 17, B. F. Morgan was elected president and L. L. Moore, secretary, treasurer and general manager. J. C. Whitmer was chosen as vice-president. W. H. Richards was retained as attorney for the road.

Gets Two New Daughters.
Jessie Hicks' family has lately been augmented by the addition of two daughters-in-law. His son Lester, who used to farm for Ed. Gibson, was married at Grant City, Mo., to Miss Minnie Ward, of that city, on January 10.

On Wednesday, January 14, Luther Hicks was married to Miss Myrtle E. Baker, at Keokuk, Iowa. He was for a long time in the employ of Frye & Sons as the firm baker, and is now with a bakery firm at Keokuk, Iowa. We don't know the girls, but the two boys are industrious young men of good habits, and we wish the young couples a long, happy life.

Enjoyed His Visit.
We were truly pleased to receive a call from Walter S. Clark, of Chicago, Ill., who stopped over here for a brief visit with C. D. Zook and family, on his return home from Omaha, where he had been in attendance at the marriage of a son. Mr. Clark is close to many of our people, by reason of his marriage to a greatly beloved Oregon girl, who was formerly Blanche Howell-Smith. He brings us the good news that she is not only happy, but in the best of health; he also tells us that her son Don, is in good health and is one of the best of salesmen for the "Hub," one of Chicago's greatest clothing stores.

T. H. Kilham has returned from a visit with his family in Albany, N. Y.

There were several deaths during the year that were out of the ordinary run of disease, and were especially sad to relatives and friends, four being killed by the railroad in the county:

Baker, Corbin, of Kansas City, by the cars near Forbes, Nov. 13.
Carraway, Hollis, was drowned in the Missouri river, southwest of Craig, October 13; body recovered at Richmond, Mo., Oct. 20.

Cain, Thomas E., killed by the cars in St. Joseph, April 10.
Drake, Bert, by live wire at St. Joseph power house, May 1.
Deffenbaugh, Charles, killed by a live wire in St. Joseph, May 30.
Eckel, Reynolds, run over by engine south of Corning, June 23; leg amputated in St. Joseph, and died.

Grove, E. P., fell down stairway in

THEY CROSSED THE RIVER.

The Sentinel's Record of Deaths in Holt County During the Year 1913.

During the year 1913 there were 113 deaths in Holt county, 101 less in number than births. The largest number of deaths occurred in 1890 with a total of 165, and the smallest occurred in 1907, with only 53, and at no time since 1890 has the death rate exceeded the births.

There were 25 persons died who had reached their three score and ten, and 11 passed their 70 year mark, but did not reach their 80th year.

Of the total deaths 35 were males and 78 were females, and the average age of males was 32 years and 4 months, and the females 35 years and 2 months.

A general note the first time—mortality was the most serious, but the rate was indeed less than some districts occurred during 1913. August and September, and the fewer occurred during the last three months of the year. The most fatal month was July, 17, and the second, November 12.

During the ten-year period, 1904-1913, there have been 12 suicides in the county, and during four years of that decade, 1906, 1907, 1912, and 1913, there were no suicides recorded. The greatest number, three, occurred in 1909.

The death rate per 1000 of population during 1913 was 8.1; it was also in 1910 and 1912, and 9 per 1000 in 1911.

Those who died during the year having reached or passed their three score and ten were:

Allen, Mrs. Pierce, June 7, age 70.
Blazer, Mrs. Hiram, Oct. 21, age 77.
Baum, Mrs. Martin, Aug. 10, age 78.
Boring, Francis, July 30, veteran, 76.
Bertram, Mrs. Lena, April 24, age 76.
Bennett, M. J., Mel. 6, age 77.
Clark, Mrs. Albert, Oct. 30, age 77.
Cowan, Mrs. Jno. G., Jan. 16, age 78.
Callow, James, Dec. 2, age 79.
Dunkelberger, Mrs. Jeremiah, July 15, age 73.
Freder, Mrs. Frederick, Mel. 1, age 82.
Durham, Presley, Feb. 12, age 75.
Decker, Mrs. Albert, Dec. 2, age 87.
Field, Wm., Sept. 1, age 70.
Hartman, Mrs. W. H., Nov. 7, age 71.
Huffstutter, David L., Aug. 15, age 85.
Hensley, Robert, veteran, June 14, age 72.
Hornecker, Mrs. Martin, May 5, age 89.
Hornecker, Mrs. Elizabeth, Apr. 12, age 81.
Hodgin, Jas. N., Feb. 6, age 79.
Harris, Reuben H., Jan. 24, C. S. A. 75.
Linn, Jno. G., veteran, Feb. 12, age 83.
Libby, Freeman, Jan. 16, age 88.
Mitchell, Mrs. A. B., June 16, age 87.
Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth, Apr. 13, age 82.
Moller, Mrs. John, Nov. 28, age 77.
Noland, J. Simpson, May 8, age 70.
Ogden, John, veteran, Apr. 6, age 70.
Pullen, Mrs. G. W., Sept. 15, age 73.
Purdum, Aaron, veteran, Jan. 31, age 74.
Proud, Timothy, Dec. 23, age 77.
Quincy, Wm. W., Dec. 2, age 88.
Richardson, Jno. A., Sept. 20, age 84.
Sipes, Mrs. Jno. S., Nov. 2, age 78.
Stokes, Jno. W., veteran, Sept. 17, age 77.
Stockwell, Barbara, Sept. 1, age 70.
Smirl, P. L., veteran, Feb. 14, age 80.
Stroup, Peter S., Jan. 20, age 75.
Schultz, Mrs. Matilda, June 12, age 82.

THE SENTINEL'S roll of dead of Holt county, for the year 1913 is as follows:

January	6	10	12
February	9	14	11
March	9	21	10
April	5	29	7
May	6	17	7
June	8	14	7
July	10	25	17
August	13	24	13
September	12	22	9
October	11	22	5
November	7	11	5
December	13	12	10

Total 108 214 113

St. Joseph, July 10, and was killed.

Henstorf, Edmund, killed in an auto accident at Corning, Aug. 22.
Lacock, Jno., killed by loaded wagon passing over body, at Didsberry, Canada, Apr. 4.

Markt, Mrs. Jacob, Oregon, burned to death, May 6, near Oregon.
Redfield, Charles, of Craig, killed by the cars in St. Joseph, Sept. 27.

Ringle, Homer, killed making an arrest in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.
Smith, Philip, killed building a silo, at Burlington Junction, Sept. 17.

Strickland, Henry, killed by the cars at Forbes, August 16.
Strickland, Mrs. Oliver, Forbes, Iowa, burned to death, Jan. 10.

Tudley, J. C., of St. Joseph, freight car accident, killed by cars, Jan. 1, between Forbes and Nodaway.

Unrecorded deaths of those who died in the Union and Confederate armies during the civil war, and were buried at the county at the time of death were:

Thomas, Benjamin, 1840, age 70.
Thompson, Robert, C. S. A. age 70.
Thompson, Robert, killed by the cars, age 72.

Lambert, Mrs. G. F. from Forbes, age 70.
McIntyre, J. C., C. S. A. age 70.
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The monthly roll of marriages, births and deaths for the year 1913:

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Armstrong, Thos., July 5, age 57, Auburn, Neb.
Allen, Mrs. Pierce, June 7, age 70, Aden, Edward, June 21, age 62, Asendorf, Bertha, Apr. 16, Patterson, Ok.

Arsdale, A. J., Apr. 11, age 78, Burlington, Iowa.
Andes, Jacob, Mel. 23, age 54, Allison, Mrs. Chas. F., Jan. 10, age 43.

Brown, Mrs. Jesse L., Dec. 11, age 86, at Kansas City.

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Worth Knowing.

Delegates to form a constitution were chosen at an election held in May 1820, in anticipation of the state being admitted to the union; the state was admitted the year following, August 10, 1821.

The first constitutional convention assembled and held its session in the city hotel corner, 34 and Vine streets in St. Louis, June 20, 1820, and was composed of 41 delegates from the then 15 counties. David Barton presided; he, with Thomas H. Benton, were Missouri's first U. S. Senators.

On June 20, 1820, the first constitutional convention of the state convened in St. Louis. It was signed July 19, 1820, and with some slight amendments remained in force until 1865, when on April 19, of that year adopted a new constitution, known as the "Brazos Constitution." The present 1870 constitution was adopted August 2, 1870.

On August 28, 1820, received the first election for state officers. Alexander McNair was elected to governor, and Wm. H. Ashmun, Lieutenant Governor. Thomas H. Benton and David Barton, United States Senators. Benton served until 1821, and Barton served until 1822. In 1821, the Missouri constitution was amended, and the Missouri constitution of 1820 was replaced by the Missouri constitution of 1820.

The first election held in Holt county was in August, 1820.

The first supreme judge of the Territory of Missouri was Henry Vanderburgh and John Gilpin, 1820. The first constitution of Missouri adopted in 1820, disqualified "any priest, bishop, clergyman or teacher of any religious persuasion, demonstration of society or sect, from membership in the general assembly of the state, or be appointed to any office."

In Trouble Again.

Sheriff Gelvin was in St. Joseph, Friday of last week, and met Charlie Lowe, whom he arrested on the charge of having forged checks on John C. Hinkle, of Bigelow, and he was brought to this city and lodged in jail.

During January 1912, Lowe was arrested on the same offense, and at the April 1912, term, he pleaded guilty, and was given five years in the penitentiary, but Judge Ellison granted him a parole.

During December 1911 and January 1912, Lowe was charged, forged checks to which were attached the name of John C. Hinkle, Bigelow, on C. W. Craig, of Fortescue, and Jas. F. Davis, of Bigelow, and J. H. Carter, of Mound City. Each of the above mentioned gave Lowe the money on checks bearing the name of John C.

Hinkle as maker of the check, and Chas. Lowe, as payee. In each case Lowe endorsed the check with his name on the back. In each check the first name of Mr. Hinkle was misspelled, being written "Jhon," but this was not noticed until the checks came back through the clearing house at St. Joseph, labeled "forgery."

Lowe's parole continued until the October 1913 term, when Judge Barnes released him from his parole, and now within a month after release, he is again charged with committing the same offense on the same party, and within two months is again behind the bars.

The arrest of Lowe on Friday last, was on information filed by Prosecuting Attorney Tobias. He is charged with forging the name of John C. Hinkle, for whom he had been working at times during his parole, in six different checks, even being made payable to himself. On October 27, he was released from his parole, and on November 26, he got \$2000 on one of these forged checks from J. A. Springer, of Mound City, later he raised a check for \$10000, W. Craig, and another for \$15000, Frank Johnson, both of Napier, and for \$10000, J. D. St. Louis, of St. Louis City, and these two transactions in two different public at Bigelow.

As yet there is no sufficient punishment for forgers. The young man who voluntarily leaves hard road to travel, should the charges be sustained when the day of trial comes.

The preliminary was held before Judge King in this city, Thursday of this week, and he was held to the next circuit court. In the sum of \$1000, in default of which he was committed to jail.

Taps Are Sounded.

The sympathy of friends of Judge R. F. Morgan goes out to him by reason of the death of his aged brother, T. S., which occurred at his home in Fall River, Kas., on his birthday, January 14, being his 82d birthday.

His good wife, who is also past 80 years, had prepared a special birthday dinner for him, and when ready sent their little granddaughter to the family sitting room to bid him to come to dinner, and she found him kneeling beside the bed, and the life spark had gone out, having died from heart disease, from which he had suffered many years.

The deceased was born in Perquimans county, N. C., January 14, 1832. He was a veteran of the Union army during the civil war, and no better or truer soldier ever shouldered a musket—he was ever ready for roll call, and obeyed orders to the very letter, and to the very best that was in him. He was a member of the 54th Indiana Infantry, which was commanded by Colonel Straight, who led the tunneling at Libby prison. Mr. Morgan obtained honorable mention for bravery at the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and he took part in many of the more conspicuous battles of the war.

He leaves an aged wife, now 82 years of age, and two children—a son and daughter.

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